

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, September 24, 1900

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You will be sorry to hear of the sad loss sustained by Prof. Fay, of Kendall Green. His son Victor died while he was in Europe. I understand the whole matter was kept from him until he was on the steamer on his return home. I wrote a note to Dr. Fay upon the subject and enclose the reply.

Mr. McCurdy is here. He went down town the other day and bought folding bed to be put up in my room in the V.B. so that I can use it when I want to. As the bed had no furnishings he and Mr. Tyler went off to another place to purchase sheets and blankets, &c. Mr. McCurdy said "I want sheets for a" four foot bed", and he was referred to a young lady to whom he explained that he wanted sheets and a blanket for a "four foot bed". He saw Tyler whisper something to the young lady, who blushed and laughed, so McCurdy asked Tyler what he had been saying/ "Oh, he said, "I told her you meant a bed four feet wide". The girl said she thought it was a baby's crib, and Tyler replied, "He is too big for that now".

Why is a kiss by telephone like a straw hat?

Because it is not felt.

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Mr. A. Lincoln Fechheimer, of Cincinnati, is going to Paris to study architecture with the intention of remaining abroad three years. You may remember him as the graduate of the Clarke School who succeeded in obtaining a degree from Columbia College, New York. He sailed on the Furst Bismarck a few days ago, and I have written to his father in

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Cincinnati giving him the address, Monroe, & Co., and saying that we shall be very glad to be of any service to the young man.

ODDS AND ENDS FOR MRS. BELL.

One would think that there was very little room upon a light house for carrying on agriculture, but my father assures me that on the light house here people raise their own vegetables.

Elsie seems to have neglected the training of her Sunday School pupils. She and the other young ladies urge them every Sunday to bring their pennies, and Mr. McFarland discovered the other day that many of the children thought that they brought the pennies to pay the teachers for their services, and that was the reason they were so awfully anxious to get the pennies.

Here is one for Elsie, especially: —

A newly married pair sat down to their first meal together in a hotel. “Table d'Hote or a la Carte”, said the waiter.

“Oh” said the bridegroom “Lets have some of both, and put lots of gravy on them”.